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SUMMARY. IN ITS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2, THE AD HOC GROUP REVIEWED A REVISED TEXT OF THE OPENING THEME "UNDIMINISHED SECURITY", AND REMANDED IT TO A WORKING GROUP FOR REWRITE. THEME II ON FLANK SECURITY WAS APPROVED. THEME III ON INTERESTS OF OTHERS WAS DROPPED, WITH MAIN POINTS TO BE INCORPORATED IN FIRST THEME. AHG APPROVED AN ANALYSIS ON WP OPENING STATEMENTS. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE EASTERN SIDE WERE REVIEWED, AND AN UNDERSTANDING REACHED REGARDING THE MEANS OF INFORMING NEUTRALS ON CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE AD HOC GROUP MET AM NOVEMBER 2 UNDER FRG (BEHREND'S) CHAIRMANSHIP. THERE WERE NO BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH THE EASTERN SIDE REPORTED. DISCUSSION WAS RESUMED ON A REVISED TEXT OF THE NETHER-CONFIDENTIAL

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LANDS THEME STATEMENT ON "UNDIMINISHED SECURITY" TO BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING 6 NOVEMBER.

2. US REP SUGGESTED FURTHER INCORPORATION OF INTRODUCTORY PARA

EXPLAINING TO THE EASTERN SIDE THE NATO CONCEPT OF THE MAIN THEMES APPROACH. THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EDUCATE THE WP MEMBERS AND HOPEFULLY TO LEAD THEM INTO ADOPTING A SIMILAR DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS. AS A SECOND POINT, US REP ALSO SUGGESTED FOCUSING THE PAPER NOT ON UNDIMINISHED SECURITY AS SUCH BUT RATHER ON THE AGREED COMMON GOAL OF A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP IN EUROPE UNDIMINISHED SECURITY WOULD BE GIVEN A SUBORDINATE POSITION AS A CRITERION TO JUDGE INDIVIDUAL MEASURES LEADING TO THIS GOAL. HE CAUTIONED THAT THE TERM "UNDIMINISHED SECURITY" COULD BE INTERPRETED BY THE EAST AS MEANING THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DEPARTURE FROM THE PRESENT RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES, AND CITED BREZHNEV'S POINT THAT THE "EXISTING RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES" SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED. OUR OBJECTIVE, TO THE CONTRARY, MUST BE TO REVEAL THE INSTABILITY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND TO EMPHASIZE THE AGREED COMMON GOAL OF IMPROVING THE SITUATION BY WORKING TOWARD A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP. FINALLY, WE SHOULD MAKE PLAIN THAT UNDIMINISHED SECURITY WOULD NOT RESULT FROM REDUCTIONS ALONE, BUT MUST INCLUDE THE WHOLE PACKAGE INCLUDING ASSOCIATED MEASURES.

3. THE DUTCH REP (QUARLES) AGREED WITH THESE POINTS, AND THEY, TOGETHER WITH SUGGESTIONS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS, WERE PASSED TO A NETHERLANDS/US DRAFTING TEAM FOR INCLUSION IN A FRESH VERSION. THE NEW DRAFT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE AHG MONDAY MORNING.

4. THE AHG THEN TOOK UP THE DRAFT OF AN ANALYSIS OF THE WP OPENING STATEMENTS (TEXT BY SEPTTEL) PRODUCED BY AN AHG WORKING GROUP. FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF VARIOUS CHANGES, THE ANALYSIS WAS ACCEPTED.

5. A DRAFT PAPER ON THE SECOND THEME, "UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR THE FLANKS", DRAFTED BY THE GREEK DELEGATION AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER FLANK COUNTRIES WAS ACCEPTED AFTER MINOR AMENDMENTS (TEXT SEPTTEL). THIS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO THE NOVEMBER 6 PLENARY.

6. A PAPER COVERING THE THEME, "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS", INTENDED AS THE THIRD MAIN THEME TO BE PRESENTED AT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PLENARY NOVEMBER 6 HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION. SINCE IT INCLUDED STATEMENTS OF ALLIED INTENTION TO KEEP NON-PARTICIPANTS INFORMED, THE CHAIRMAN CALLED ATTENTION TO THE MESSAGE FROM KASTL TO COHEN (US NATO 5260) RELATING THE SPC CONSENSUS ON INFORMING NEUTRALS. THE UK REP (ROSE), DUTCH (QUARLES), AND US REP, THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF INFORMING OTHERS IN DISCUSSION, WITH EAST SINCE THIS MIGHT WELL ELICIT EASTERN PROPOSALS ON OBSERVERS. AS SUGGESTED BY BEHREND (FRG), THE EASTERN SIDE COULD ARGUE BOTH THAT SUCH AN UNDERTAKING WOULD VIOLATE THE PRINCIPLE OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND DEMONSTRATE THE NEED FOR OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO BE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE. NETHERLANDS REP POINTED OUT THAT AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE OCT 31 HE HAD ALREADY STATED PUBLICLY THAT THE ALLIES WOULD BE KEEPING EUR-

OPEAN NON-PARTICIPANTS GENERALLY INFORMED. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ESSENTIAL POINTS OF THE NORWEGIAN DRAFT WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE DUTCH FIRST THEME, "UNDIMINISHED SECURITY", AND THEME III, "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS" DROPPED AS A SEPARATE TOPIC.

7. THE UK PAPER, CONSOLIDATING THE THEMES "AREA", "DISPARITIES", AND "FORCE ELEMENTS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE WEST", WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE AHG NOV. 5, TOGETHER WITH THE REVISION OF THEME I, "UNDIMINISHED SECURITY."

8. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE US DEP REP, WHO NOTED THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY BELGIAN, US, POLISH AND USSR REPS REPORTED IN VIENNA 8921 MIGHT BE IMPORTANT IN FUTURE, THE BELGIAN DEP REP REPORTED EASTERN REPLY TO BELGIAN-US PRESENTATION IN VIENNA 8921. EAST HAD CONFIRMED POWERS OF CHAIRMAN AND USE OF POLES AND BELGIANS AS CHANNEL TO CHAIRMAN (TO WHICH ROMANIANS HAD REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO CONTACT CHAIRMAN DIRECTLY). ON PRESS POLICY POLES HAD REPLIED FOR EAST THAT THE PRESS SHOULD BE MADE TO HELP THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION AND IF ONE SIDE FAILS TO HONOR THAT UNDERTAKING, IT WOULD BE EXPECTED THAT THE OTHER SIDE MAY TAKE RESPONSIVE ACTION. BOTH SIDES SHOULD STRIVE TO LIMIT DISTORTED PRESENTATION OF THE OTHER'S VIEWPOINT. THE EAST ACCEPTED THAT ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT HAD THE RIGHT TO CALL PLENARIES AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF ONE EACH TWO WEEKS. THE EAST ALSO ACCEPTED THAT IN THE FIRST WEEK THERE SHOULD BE TWO PLENARIES BUT WANTED TO SEE HOW THINGS WENT BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO CONTINUE THIS TEMPO. WILLOT HAD REMINDED THE POLISH REP THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EAST HAD CONFIRMED THE UNDERSTANDING WHEREBY ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT COULD CALL A PLENARY AND THAT THE WEST WANTED TWO PER WEEK FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

9. RAISING THE MESSAGE FROM NATO A/SYG REGARDING INFORMING NEUTRALS (USNATO 5260) THE CHAIRMAN ASKED IF ANY DELEGATES HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY NEUTRAL EMBASSIES. AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE NEUTRALS INVOLVED WERE SPAIN, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, FINLAND, AUSTRIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA. ITALIAN REP ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN INFORMALLY QUERIED BY SEVERAL AT SOCIAL GATHERINGS, PARTICULARLY SPAIN. UK REP SAID SWEDISH AND SWISS AMBASSADORS HAD APPROACHED HIM BEFORE BEGINNING OF CONFERENCE AND HE INTENDED TO INFORM THEM INFORMALLY ON A BILATERAL BASIS. NORWEGIAN REP NOTED SWEDISH EXPERTS ARE IN GENEVA AND MIGHT COME TO VIENNA WHERE THEY COULD BE BRIEFED BY HIM AND THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH THE EDITOR OF SWEDEN'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER A FEW DAYS AGO. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS THAT THE AGH WOULD NOT ORGANIZE ANY FORMAL BRIEFINGS OF THE NEUTRALS AND WOULD LEAVE THE INITIATIVE UP TO THE NEUTRALS WHETHER TO SEEK INFORMATION IN VIENNA. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THEY SHOULD BE TOLD NO MORE THAN WHAT WHICH GROUP AGREED COULD BE CONVEYED TO THE PRESS IN BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS.

10. THE NEXT AGH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY NOV.
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